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LOWRANCE TESTIFIED FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS. CHAIRMAN JOHN C. STENNIS, D-MISS., SAID THE SUBCONDITIES WOULD HEAR ARMY AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE CHEIFS NEXT WERE AND THAT MCCONE WOULD RETURN AT SOME LATER DATE FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.

STERNIS TOLD NEWSMEN LOWRANCE "MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WAS NO DISRUPTION OF U-2 FLIGHTS, NO LACK OF COOPERATION, NO RETARDING IN ANY WAY" WHEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FLIGHTS WAS SHIFTED FROM CIA TO THE AIR FORCE.

THE MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRAT SAID HE WAS STILL "IMPRESSED WITH THE PROFILM OF EVALUATION" OF INTELLIGENCE GATHERED, NOT ONLY FROM RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS BUT FROM OTHER SOURCES.

MEANWHILE, REP. DONALD RUMSFIELD, R-ILL., ASKED PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN A LETTER TO CONSIDER DENYING THE USE OF THE PANAMA CANAL TO ALL SHIPS CARRYING CARGO INTO OR OUT OF COMMUNIST CUBA.

MUCH OF THE TRADE BETWEEN RED CHINA AND CASTRO'S REGIME IS REING MOVED THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL, RUNSFIELD SAID.

HE TOLD THE HOUSE TODAY:

"I AM NOT SUGGESTING AN INVASION OF CUEA; I AM NOT BUGGESTING A FULL BLOCKADE OF CUEA; RATHER, I AM URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE COUNTAINCE OF THIS DEAMATICALLY INCREASED COMMUNIST TRADE THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL."

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